

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE


In re patent application of:)	Before the Examiner:
Young et al.)	Steven J. Cotroneo
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Application Serial No. 10/695,068)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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MULTI-AXIAL, CROSS-LINK CONNECTOR)	
SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS)	November 17, 2009

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 18, 2009, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. No extension of time or other fees are believed to be required for consideration of this response. While no additional fees should be required for entry of this response, if any fees or charges are required, the Office is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 132546.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-18, 21 and 31-38 were pending in the subject application for the non-final Office Action dated August 18, 2009. Each of the pending claims currently stands rejected. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.